



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
7500 ODAWA CIRCLE, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

From: Regina Bentley

Date: February 25 & 26, 2014

Re: United Tribes

On Tuesday there was a Legislative reception at which Senator Walkers spoke of the Tuition Wavier-- he is in support of the state financing the colleges that accept the Tuition Wavier. I also had the opportunity to speak with with Senator Goodhop in regards to his opposition to Canada putting a Nuclear Waste Facility near Lake Huron.

Wednesday started with Executive board meeting in which a Tribal Chairman was elected as the secretary for United Tribes.

Roll call and opening ceremonies followed.

Four resolutions were up for a vote.

1. United Tribes of Michigan Opposition to Lake Huron Nuclear Waste Facility Near Lake Huron Shores, the resolution passed.
2. United Tribes of Michigan supports Affiliation with the National Tribal Emergency Management Council for Purposes of Mutual Aid and Coordination in Emergencies. Resolution passed...In discussion it was agreed that Michigan tribes be included in all discussion.
3. United Tribes of Michigan Seeks More Equitable SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and

Mental Health Services Administration) funding; the resolution passed.

4. United Tribes of Michigan Support for Colleges and universities Full Finding of MITW Initiative. Resolution passed
5. In Support of Online Consumers Financial Services and Products Offered by Wholly Owned and Operated Tribal Lending Entities. Resolution failed.
6. United Tribes of Michigan Responds to Oakland County Executive. No vote was taken because of letter of apology from L. Brooks Patterson

Legal updates were given by Brian Pierson, Godfrey & Kahn.

Melissa Claramunt gave an update on the tuition waiver and also informed us that Bill Belphey may be filing a law suit in regards to the 1/4 blood quantum with the tuition waiver. She informed us that he may be contacting the tribes of Michigan.

Jason Allen spoke on Veterans Affairs and funding that is available to veterans and the process of applying for it.

Matt Wesaw read the letter of apology from L. Brooks Patterson and also gave each tribe a map from Mr. Patterson with some of the history of the tribes.

Miigwech for allowing me to attend.

Regina Bentley

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